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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/662,323	Applicant(s) HIROOKA, ISAO
	Examiner Joseph E. Avellino	Art Unit 2143

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/16/03.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-7 are presented for examination; claim 1 independent. The Office acknowledges the Preliminary Amendment amending the claims to conform to the USPTO regulations regarding multiple dependent claims. As such, all multiple dependent claims in this application will be construed as depending from claim 1 for examination purposes.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The IDS submitted September 16, 2003 has been considered. See enclosed PTO-1449.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 3, 6, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

5. Claim 3 recites "the work area", which lacks antecedent basis.

6. Claim 6 recites "said diagnostic tool", which lacks antecedent basis.

Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Weber et al. (US 20020184360) (hereinafter Weber).

8. Referring to claim 1, Weber discloses a device diagnosis system, comprising:

a database server (i.e. management station 206) for acquiring and centrally managing diagnostic data (i.e. types and configurations of devices on network) on a plurality of devices to which different types of diagnostic software (i.e. device management application programs 214) are applied (e.g. abstract; Figure 2);

a diagnosis execution unit for executing said diagnostic software according to said diagnostic data (i.e. depending on the managed devices, the server will pull the appropriate program 214 from local storage 210 to be executed on the management station) (e.g. abstract; p. 4, ¶ 40-42); and

a human-machine interface for communicating with said database server and said diagnosis execution unit (i.e. if a user is capable of interacting with the management server, then there inherently must be a human-machine interface) (Figures 6 and 7).

9. Referring to claim 2, Weber discloses a common interface is provided for the programs of said diagnostic software in said diagnosis execution unit (i.e. all the management programs are applets, which all run within a common web browser) (p. 4, ¶ 42; p. 5, ¶ 51, 60).

10. Referring to claim 3, Weber discloses the work area of the diagnostic software is formed within said server (i.e. applets control server side components to do the actual management) (pp. 5-6, ¶ 61-64).

11. Referring to claim 4, Weber discloses the database server acquires diagnostic data (i.e. the Office construes "diagnostic data" as any data which can be used to monitor or manage a network and any of its devices) from devices under diagnosis through an external tool (i.e. the monitored device, operating under SNMP or another management protocol) and by direct input by a user (i.e. the user is capable of inputting device commands to the system) (p. 5, ¶ 55; p. 6, ¶ 67).

12. Referring to claim 5, Weber discloses diagnostic navigators for monitoring said software and a tool to provide screens necessary for diagnosis (Figures 5-7; p. 5, ¶ 60).

13. Referring to claim 6, Weber discloses the diagnostic tool provides setup screens specific to types of diagnostic software (i.e. Figures 6 and 7) and common control unit for providing screens common to all types of diagnostic software (i.e. the discovery applet) (Figures 6-7; ¶ 52-60).

14. Referring to claim 7, Weber discloses being connected to an external network (Figure 1, ref. 118).

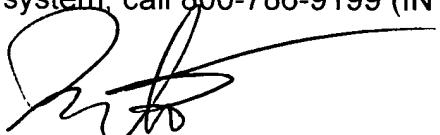
Conclusion

15. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph E. Avellino whose telephone number is (571) 272-3905. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A. Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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